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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1   1. (Currently Amended) A method for alerting a
2   calling party of a delay before an incoming call will be answered
3   by a user of a called telecommunication terminal, comprising
4   the steps of:
5   answering the incoming call by the telecommunication
6   terminal in response to an input from the user when the
7   telecommunication terminal is not engaged in another call;
8   muting an audio path of the answered call from
9   communication with the user; and
10   receiving a time specifying the delay from the user
11   after the incoming call is received;
12   inserting the time into a predefined message; and
13   transmitting [[a]] the predefined message that is
14   selected by the user to the calling party.

1   2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprises
2   the step of maintaining the incoming call from the calling party
3   with the audio path muted to the user; and
4   allowing audio communication by the user with calling
5   party in response to another input from the user.

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1   3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~

2 ~~further comprises the step of~~ A method for alerting a calling

3 party of a delay before an incoming call will be answered by a

4 user of a called telecommunication terminal, comprising the

5 steps of:

6   answering the incoming call by the telecommunication

7 terminal in response to an input from the user when the

8 telecommunication terminal is not engaged in another call;

9   muting an audio path of the answered call from

10 communication with the user; ~~and~~

11   transmitting a message that is selected by the user to

12 the calling party; and

13   terminating the incoming call after transmission of the

14 message.

1   4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the

2 message is an audio message and the audio message is

3 transmitted via the audio path to the calling party.

1   5. (Canceled)

1   6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1

2 wherein the step of inserting comprises converting the time to

3 audio information for insertion into the predefined message.

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1   7. (Original) The method of claim 6 further comprises
2   the step of recording the predefined message.

1   8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the
2   message is a text message.

1   9. (Canceled)

1   10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the
2   transmission of the text message is via a text messaging link.

1   11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[9]] 8
2   further comprises the step of entering the predefined message.

1   12. (Original) A method for alerting a calling party of
2   a delay before an incoming call will be answered by a user of a
3   called wireless handset, comprising the steps of:
4   answering the incoming call by the wireless handset in
5   response to one of at least an input from the user or a
6   predefined amount of movement of the wireless handset when
7   the telecommunication terminal is not engaged in another call;
8   muting an audio path of the answered call from
9   communication with the user; and
10   transmitting a message that is selected by the user to
11   the calling party.

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1   13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further

2 comprises the step of maintaining the incoming call from the

3 calling party with the audio path muted to the user; and

4   allowing audio communication by the user with calling

5 party in response to another input from the user.

1   14. (Original) The method of claim 12 further

2 comprises the step of terminating the incoming call after

3 transmission of the message.

1   15. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the

2 message is an audio message and the audio message is

3 transmitted via the audio path to the calling party.

1   16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further

2 comprises the steps of receiving a time specifying the delay;

3 and

4   inserting the time into a predefined message.

1   17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the

2 step of inserting comprises converting the time to audio

3 information for insertion into the predefined message.

1   18. (Original) The method of claim 17 further

2 comprises the step of recording the predefined message.

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1   19. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the
2   message is a text message.

1   20. (Original) The method of claim 19 further
2   comprises the steps of receiving a time specifying the delay;
3   and
4   inserting the time into a predefined message.

1   21. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the
2   transmission of the text message is via a text messaging link.

1   22. (Original) The method of claim 20 further
2   comprises the step of entering the predefined message.

1   23. (Currently Amended) A method for alerting a
2   calling party of a delay before an incoming call will be answered
3   by a user of a called telecommunication terminal, comprising
4   the steps of:
5   receiving a time specifying the delay from the user
6   after the incoming call is received;
7   transmitting a message including the time to a
8   wireless switching system in response to the incoming call by
9   the telecommunication terminal in response to an input from the
10 user when the telecommunication terminal is not engaged in
11 another call;

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12   inserting the time into a predefined message that is

13   selected by the user to the calling party by the wireless

14   switching system;

15   transmitting by the wireless switching system [[a]] the

16   predefined message ~~that is selected by the user~~ to the calling

17   party; and

18   placing the incoming call on hold by the wireless

19   switching system.

1   24. (Original) The method of claim 23 further

2   comprises the step of taking the incoming call off of hold and

3   establishing audio communication between the user and calling

4   party in response to another input from the user.

1   25. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 23~~

2   ~~further comprises the step of~~ A method for alerting a calling

3   party of a delay before an incoming call will be answered by a

4   user of a called telecommunication terminal, comprising the

5   steps of:

6   transmitting a message to a wireless switching system

7   in response to the incoming call by the telecommunication

8   terminal in response to an input from the user when the

9   telecommunication terminal is not engaged in another call;

10   transmitting by the wireless switching system a

11   message to the calling party;

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12   <u>placing the incoming call on hold by the wireless</u>

13   <u>switching system; and</u>

14   terminating the incoming call after transmission of the

15   message.

1   26. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the

2   message is an audio message and the audio message is

3   transmitted via a voice messaging system.

1   27. (Canceled)

1   28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2̶7̶ <u>23</u>

2   wherein the step of inserting comprises converting the time to

3   audio information for insertion into the predefined message.

1   29. (Original) The method of claim 28 further

2   comprises the step of recording the predefined message by the

3   user.

1   30. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the

2   message is a text message.

1   31. (Canceled)

1   32. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein the

2   transmission of the text message is via a text messaging link.

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1   33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~34~~ 30

2 further comprises the step of entering the predefined message.

1   34. (Original) A processor-readable medium for

2 alerting a calling party of a delay before an incoming call will be

3 answered by a user of a called wireless handset, comprising

4 processor-executable instructions configured for:

5   answering the incoming call by the wireless handset in

6 response to one of at least an input from the user or a

7 predefined amount of movement of the wireless handset when

8 the telecommunication terminal is not engaged in another call;

9   muting an audio path of the answered call from

10 communication with the user; and

11   transmitting a message that is selected by the user to

12 the calling party.

1   35. (Original) The processor-readable medium of

2 claim 34 further comprises maintaining the incoming call from

3 the calling party with the audio path muted to the user; and

4   allowing audio communication by the user with calling

5 party in response to another input from the user.

1   36. (Original) The processor-readable medium of

2 claim 34 further comprises terminating the incoming call after

3 transmission of the message.

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1   37. (Original) The processor-readable medium of
2 claim 34 wherein the message is an audio message and the
3 audio message is transmitted via the audio path to the calling
4 party.

1   38. (Original) The processor-readable medium of
2 claim 37 further comprises receiving a time specifying the
3 delay; and
4   inserting the time into a predefined message.

1   39. (Original) The processor-readable medium of
2 claim 38 wherein the inserting comprises converting the time to
3 audio information for insertion into the predefined message.

1   40. (Original) The processor-readable medium of
2 claim 39 further comprises recording the predefined message.

1   41. (Original) The processor-readable medium of
2 claim 34 wherein the message is a text message.

1   42. (Original) The processor-readable medium of
2 claim 41 further comprises receiving a time specifying the
3 delay; and
4   inserting the time into a predefined message.

1   43. (Original) The processor-readable medium of
2 claim 41 wherein the transmission of the text message is via a
3 text messaging link.

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1   44. (Original) The processor-readable medium of

2   claim 42 further comprises entering the predefined message.

1   45. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable

2   medium for alerting a calling party of a delay before an

3   incoming call will be answered by a user of a called

4   telecommunication terminal, comprising processor-executable

5   instructions configured for:

6   <u>receiving a time specifying the delay from the user</u>

7   <u>after the incoming call is received;</u>

8   transmitting a message <u>including the time</u> to a

9   wireless switching system in response to the incoming call by

10 the telecommunication terminal in response to an input from the

11 user when the telecommunication terminal is not engaged in

12 another call;

13   <u>inserting the time into a predefined message that is</u>

14 <u>selected by the user to the calling party by the wireless</u>

15 <u>switching system;</u>

16   transmitting by the wireless switching system [[a]] <u>the</u>

17 <u>predefined</u> message that is selected by the user to the calling

18 party; and

19   placing the incoming call on hold by the wireless

20 switching system.

1   46. (Original) The processor-readable medium of

2   claim 45 further comprises taking the incoming call off of hold

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3   and establishing audio communication between the user and

4   calling party in response to another input from the user.

1   47. (Currently Amended) ~~The processor-readable~~

2   ~~medium of claim 45 further comprises~~ A processor-readable

3   medium for alerting a calling party of a delay before an

4   incoming call will be answered by a user of a called

5   telecommunication terminal, comprising processor-executable

6   instructions configured for:

7   transmitting a message to a wireless switching system

8   in response to the incoming call by the telecommunication

9   terminal in response to an input from the user when the

10 telecommunication terminal is not engaged in another call;

11   transmitting by the wireless switching system a

12 message to the calling party;

13   placing the incoming call on hold by the wireless

14 switching system; and

15   terminating the incoming call after transmission of the

16 message.

1   48. (Original) The processor-readable medium of

2   claim 45 wherein the message is an audio message and the

3   audio message is transmitted via a voice messaging system.

1   49. (Canceled)

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1   50. (Currently Amended) The processor-readable
2   medium of claim 49 45 wherein the inserting comprises
3   converting the time to audio information for insertion into the
4   predefined message.

1   51. (Original) The processor-readable medium of
2   claim 50 further comprises recording the predefined message
3   by the user.

1   52. (Original) The processor-readable medium of
2   claim 45 wherein the message is a text message.

1   53. (Canceled)

1   54. (Original) The processor-readable medium of
2   claim 52 wherein the transmission of the text message is via a
3   text messaging link.

1   55. (Currently Amended) The processor-readable
2   medium of claim 53 52 further comprises entering the
3   predefined message.

1   56. (Original) An apparatus for alerting a calling party
2   of a delay before an incoming call will be answered by a
3   communication terminal, comprising:

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4   means for detecting the incoming call while the

5   communication terminal is not engaged in another call;

6   means for detecting movement of the communication

7   terminal; and

8   means for transmitting a message to the calling party

9   upon detection of the incoming call and movement.

1   57. (Original) The apparatus of claim 56 wherein the

2   means for transmitting comprises means for sending a textual

3   message.

1   58. (Original) The apparatus of claim 56 wherein the

2   means for transmitting comprises means for sending a textual

3   message.

1   59. (Original) An apparatus for implementing the

2   steps of claim 1.

1   60. (Original) An apparatus for implementing the

2   steps of claim 12.

1   61. (New) The method of claim 3 wherein the

2   message is a predefined message and the method further

3   comprises the steps of receiving a time specifying the delay

4   before user returns the incoming call from the user after the

5   incoming call is received; and

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6   inserting the time into a predefined message.

1   62. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the
2   message is a predefined message and the method further
3   comprises the steps of receiving a time specifying the delay
4   before user returns the incoming call from the user after the
5   incoming call is received; and
6   inserting the time into a predefined message.

1   63. (New) The processor-readable medium claim 47
2   wherein the message is a predefined message and the method
3   further comprises the steps of receiving a time specifying the
4   delay before user returns the incoming call from the user after
5   the incoming call is received; and
6   inserting the time into a predefined message.

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Specification Amendments

There are no amendments to the specification.

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